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Emergency Regulation for Citrus Propagative

Material (NOM-EM-036-2000)

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Report Highlights:

In order to prevent the spread of citrus viruses, the Mexican government published official phytosanitary regulations and specifications for the production and transportation of virus free citrus propagative material.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an emergency phytosanitary regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 1, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The objective of this new emergency regulation is to establish the phytosanitary requirements and specifications to produce and transport virus free citrus propagative material. Among other concerns, this regulation is issued because of the serious threat citrus viruses represent for the Mexican citrus industry. These regulations apply to citrus propagative material, production areas, transportation, and commercial growers. Imported genetic or propagative material should be imported by a Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), approved germplasm bank or institution. According to citrus growers, most of the propagative material that is imported into Mexico is already being monitored by SAGARPA authorities.

Title: Mexican Official Emergency Norm NOM-EM-036-FITO-2000. Regulations and Specifications for Production and Transportation of Virus Free Citrus Propagative Material and Associated Viruses.

Type of Regulation: Emergency

Background: This regulation is a modification of an emergency regulation published in 1999.

DATE	ACTION	FAS Rept #
5/18/1999	First published as an Emergency rule (NOM-EM-032-FITO-1999) in effect for six months.	MX9062
12/03/1999	Extended Emergency Rule for six months	MX9163

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: February 1, 2001

2. Effective Date: February 2, 2001

Products Affected: Citrus propagative material

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food. (SAGARPA)

Additional Information: Any person or institution producing, and selling citrus propagative material free of virus should present to SAGAR a form (SV-01) indicating they are initiating/registering business and complying with the requirements. Requirements differ if the business is a germplasm bank, a tree lot, an orchard producing certified seed free of virus, or a green house producing certified plants free of virus. SAGARPA or the verification units will verify in not more than 60 days that the unit complies with the requirements. Each shipment of propagative material must have a phytosanitary certificate to be transported within Mexico, issued by the verification units.

Other Regulations Involved: To apply this regulation the following official regulations should be considered.

* NOM-011-FITO-1995, Establishment of External Quarantine to Prevent the Introduction of Citrus Diseases and Pests into Mexico. This regulation requires a risk analysis of the few products that have a partial quarantine status. Published on September 24, 1996.

* NOM-007-FITO-1995, Phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the importation of propagative plant material. Published on November 30, 1998.

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